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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)  
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(Only for Continuation or Divisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(d))

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, DC 20231Attorney Docket No.  
of Prior Application

0942.4770003/RWE/GER

First Named Inventor

Frederic R. BLOOM

Examiner Name

I. Yucel

Group/Art Unit

1636

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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of the prior application number 09/227,742, filed on January 8, 1999 entitled: **Method for Increasing Viability and Transformation Efficiency of Bacteria During Storage at Low Temperatures**

## NOTES

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR § 1.51(b) or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice Changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR § 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

**ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the application under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning the other application or applications in the file jacket.

**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR § 1.78(a).

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1. ☒ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on December 5, 2000 under 37 CFR § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(4).
  - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:  
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  - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth in a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
  - a. ☐ PTO-1449
  - b. ☐ Copies of IDS citations

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02 FC:103	126.00 OP
03 FC:102	86.00 OP

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR § 1.16(e) or (j))	27-20* =	7	7 x \$ 18.00 =	\$126.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR § 1.16(b) or (i))	4-3** =	1	1 x \$ 80.00 =	\$80.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR § 1.16(d))			0 x \$ 270.00 =	\$0.00
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR § 1.16)	\$ 710.00
				Total of above Calculations	\$916.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27).				N/A
	* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent ** Reissue independent claims over original patent			TOTAL =	\$916.00

- 6 ☐ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- 7 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0036
- a ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16. b ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.17.
- c ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.18.
- 8 ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,306.00 is enclosed. Check No \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 ☐ Payment by credit card Form PFO-2038 is enclosed.
- 10 ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed
- 11 ☐ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired \_\_\_\_\_  
*[Prior application Attorney Docket Number will carry over to this CPA unless a new Attorney Docket Number has been provided herein.]*
- 12 a ☐ Receipt For Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB 29A)  
 b ☒ One (1) Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized. See MPEP 503)
- 13 ☒ Other A Petition for the Extension of Time for the Parent Application  
☐ Other The Name of the Assignee is: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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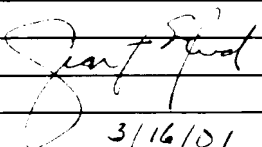
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**15. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Grant E. Reed
Signature	
Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	41,264
Date	3/16/01

**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
**for FY 2001**

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	09/227,742
Filing Date	January 8, 1999
First Named Inventor	Fredric R. BLOOM
Examiner Name	Yucel, I.
Group Art Unit	1636
Attorney Docket No.	0942.4770003/RWE/GER

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** 1,306.00

**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)**

1. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to:

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- ☐ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

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- ☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☒ Other\*

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**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	710.00
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)					710.00

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 27 - 20** = 7	X 18.00	=	126.00
Indep. Claims 4 - 3** = 1	X 80.00	=	80.00
Multiple Dependent	0	=	0.00

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim
108	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)				206.00

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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

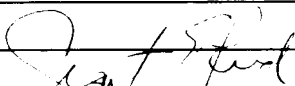
**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	390.00
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify):					
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*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid					
SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)					390.00

**SUBMITTED BY**

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In re application of:

F. R. BLOOM *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/227,742

Filed: January 8, 1999

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Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Yucel, I.

Atty. Docket: 0942.4770003/RWE/GER

**Authorization To Treat A Reply As Incorporating An Extension Of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)**

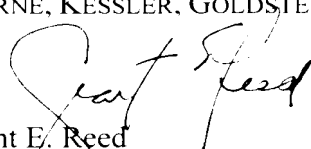
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge all required extension of time fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036, if such fees are not otherwise provided for in such reply. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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Appl. No. 09/227,742; Filed: January 8, 1999  
For: **Method for Increasing Viability and Transformation Efficiency of  
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Inventors: F. R. Bloom *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.4770003/RWE/GER

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. CPA Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/29) (*in duplicate*);
2. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17) (*in duplicate*);
3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (*in duplicate*);
4. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (*in duplicate*);
5. Our Check No. 30686 in the amount of \$1,306.00 to cover:  
\$710.00 Basic filing fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a));  
\$126.00 Claims in excess of twenty (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c));  
\$ 80.00 Independent claims in excess of three (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)); and  
\$390.00 Extension for response within second month (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2));
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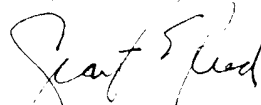
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